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1. Mail to and from Tientsin apparently is not tampered with. However, certain Americans have been under secret surveillance for the past several months and must exercise utmost caution at all times. Servants of these Americans are grilled every few days. No torture has been used, but they are subjected to a two to three hour session of interrogation. The servants have been told not to advise anyone of these sessions.
2. The import companies in Tientsin are working to acquire industrial materials and equipment, but there is no noticeable stock piling of military supplies by the Chinese Communists. Petroleum stocks are very short but sales are not controlled.
3. The Soviet-Chinese airline recently opened services to the principal cities. Schedules are not maintained and no foreigners except Soviets and satellite foreigners are allowed to travel.
4. Industrial planning by the Chinese Communists now excludes the Northeast area. Equipment previously ordered for the Manchurian mines and mining industry is being diverted to Shansi, Kansu and Szechuan, in the order named, as projected centers of industrial development.
5. Unconfirmed reports from several sources state that troops flown to Manchuria during June and July are now gradually being withdrawn to the South.
6. Persistent rumors in Peiping are that MAO Tse-tung and his nationalistically inclined Chinese Communist colleagues favor abandoning Manchuria to Russia as a price for China remaining neutral in any future conflict outside China. People say that Russia sold them down the river by starting war in Korean instead of supporting their attempt to regain Taiwan.
7. Molotov is still in Peiping according to rumors. The Peiping situation is reported to be tense.
8. Popular hatred of Russia is increasing with the recognition that Russia is taking all and giving nothing, but fear engendered by an increasingly efficient police government has a terrific grip on all classes.

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9. Short- and long-wave radios are freely licensed. People are advised to listen only to the Communist broadcasts. All newspapers carry only strictly censored news but even many high government officials are regular listeners to the Voice of America, Australia, the B.B.C., etc.

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